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THE Dissatisfaction of the Merchants of this Place, as well as those of Seville, at the King of Spain's seizing the Plate which was saved out of the Galeons, is greater than can easily be expressed; and all the Representations they have made about it, are so far from being able to procure them any Relief, that we hear, our Court not thinking this Supply sufficient to satisfy the pressing Occasions of the Government, talks of raising new Imposts, and particularly a Capitation Tax. We are told also, that our Garison is to be augmented, and that the Inhabitants of this Place will be obliged to give the Soldiers Quarters; and to supply them with divers Necessaries.

Madrid, March 8. The King of Spain had a Fall from his Horse the 5th Instant, as he was hunting, but was slightly hurt. The Cardinal d'Estrees continues to manage all Matters at Court, according to the Directions he frequently receives from France; and it is said, that even the Cardinal de Portocarrero, tho' entirely devoted to the French Interest, has but a small share in the Administration of Publick Affairs. This Cardinal's Nephew, the Marquis d'Almenara, has taken his Post as General of the Horse in Catalonia; whose Promotion, he being very young, and of little Experience in Military Matters, proves a new Cause of Discontent to the Spanish Grandees. The Duke d'Alba has accepted of the Embassy to France; which Employment had been declined by several other Persons of Quality, to whom it was offered, and he is making Preparations for his Journey thither. The Conde de Sisuentes, between whom and the Almirante of Castile there has been very great Disputes and Animosities, upon account whereof the former kept retired in the Country, while the Almirante appeared at Court, is now come to Town, and has been to wait upon the King, by whom he was favourably received. Monsieur Renault, a French Engineer, is appointed Inspector General of the Fortifications and Magazines of the Province of Andalusia, and is gone thither to see in what Condition they are, and to give Directions for making the necessary Repairs and Additions to them; and it is said, that Orders will be shortly issued for fortifying several Havens on the Coasts of Galicia and Biscay. The Council for the Affairs of Italy has sent an Order to Sicily, and other Places on the Mediterranean, which are under the Dominion of the

Crown of Spain, to forbid the exporting of Corn to any Place but to this Kingdom or to France. A Prohibition of the like nature is expected in relation to the Exportation of our Wooll.

Salionetta in Italy, March 14. The Duke of Vendosme has been to view the Batteries which are raised by his Direction against Bersello, and which continue to play upon that Place, tho' hitherto to little purpose, the Garison making so vigorous a Defence, that there is no appearance of taking it otherwise than by a formal Siege. He has given Directions for fortifying this Post, and intends to go in a day or two to Casal-Maggiore, where he is to meet the Prince of Vaudemont, Governor of the Dutchy of Milan, and the Marquis of Florida, Commander of the Garison of the City of Milan, in order to consult with them upon the Measures to be taken for the opening of the Campaign.

Venice, March 15. Our Advices from the Imperial Quarters say, they are in great hopes of a speedy Supply of Men and Money from Germany; and that in the mean time they have made their Quarters as secure as they could be, by good Intrenchments, Redoubts, and other Fortifications. Their Parties, especially the Hussars, continue their Excursions against the Enemy with good very Success; In one of which they lately cut to Pieces a Party of 60 French Horse, so that not one of them escaped, and in another they destroyed 20 Wagons laden with Forage, that were going to the French Quarters, having first routed a strong Party of French Horse that guarded them. They write from Rome, that the Pope has lately been indisposed, but is pretty well again; and that he gave Audience the last week to Cardinal Farnese, who complained to him, that a Party of Imperial Horse had destroyed near Bologna a great quantity of Corn, that had been bought up there for the use of the French Army, which the French pretend that City should make good, because it was yet within its Dependencies, and as they conceive under its Protection. An Accident happened lately at Rome, which makes some Noise; Several of the Spanish Ambassador's Servants finding in the night a Person hovering near his House, whom they looked upon to be a Spy, fell upon him and used him so barbarously, that he died under their hands; a Watch which was posted near that place hearing him cry out, came to his Assistance, but was beat back; whereof the Pope being informed, he resented it very much, and has ordered that Watch to be reinforced;